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## Secretary Quarles Urges Pastors To Take Advantage Of Retirement Plans

Personal interest is being currently manifested in the various Retirement Plans since July 1 is the date on which those in the Ministers Plan can also join the new Supplemental Annuity Plan, according to Dr. Chester L. Quarles, State executive secretary. Nearly every mail brings applications or information requests, he stated. Some are even joining both plans at the same time since a pastor can join the Ministers Plan at any time. Our pastors are more and more using the wisdom of both plans," he reiterated, and the same thing is true in other states of the confederation. More pastors joining the Ministers Plan now will practically eliminate the relief rolls of tomorrow, he said.

"Under the plan the preacher himself pays only three-eighths of the cost of funding his annuity at retirement," pointing out the tremendous value yet low cost to the preacher.

Since the churches and the denomination pay the other five-eighths of the cost, the preacher should quickly see the bargain involved," he continued.

"And in Mississippi any paid church employee can join the Ministers Plan under the same conditions as the minister," he concluded, adding that a number of such employees are now in the Plan.

Those not now in the Plans are urged to join now. Send all applications to Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Executive Secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Box 530, Jackson, Miss.



REV CHARLES EVERITT

## Bolivar County's Associational Mission Program

(Tenth in a Series)

After three years of a concentrated associational mission program under direction of Rev. Charles Everitt the Bolivar County Association today is well organized with regular meetings, has a radio program, has sponsored four missions, organized two churches, has Sunday School training in 19 of the 20 churches, has Training Union courses in every church with unions, has Vacation Bible Schools in every church and this year is sponsoring a Simultaneous School of Missions, a county-wide VBS Clinic and a Simultaneous Stewardship Emphasis Week.

With those remarkable accomplishments already attained in addition to many others, the association has set several worthy objectives, including the Every Family Plan of the Baptist Record in every church, a W.M.U., Brotherhood, Sunday School and Training Union in every church.

The Rev. Mr. Everitt is a graduate of Mississippi State College and the Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth. Last year he was secretary of the State Associational Missionaries organization.

He has previously served as both pastor and associational missionary, making him eminently qualified for this work.

The meetings of the associational organizations include a quarterly meeting of the Brotherhood and monthly meetings of the Sunday School and Training Union. The associational executive committee also meets monthly.

The two new churches organized (Continued on Page 4)

## Commitment Day To Be Observed On July 13

By HENRY EDMONDS,  
Executive Secretary  
United Drys Of Mississippi

Special Commitment Day will be observed in the churches of Mississippi on Sunday, July 13, when Mississippi Baptists in particular and Christians in general will be given an opportunity to join personally in the campaign to keep Mississippi dry.

The emphasis on that day will be three-fold:

1. Commitment to personal abstinence, which is the duty of every Christian,
2. A commitment to get the facts and to vote right in the August 26 referendum election, and
3. To make a generous, worthy contribution to the financing of the dry campaign.

Surely Mississippi Baptists will want to have a large part in this work under the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

I have felt definitely led to devote this article to this feature of the campaign, which obviously is a vital one to its overall success. The suggested program will include a specially prepared Sunday School lesson in all the departments, written especially for our Mississippi situation by C. Aubrey Hearn of our Sunday School Board, a strong,

## Sec'y Edmunds Releases 1951 Baptism Figures

JACKSON, MISS.—(BP)—Mississippi Baptist churches averaged baptizing one new member for every twenty-three members already on their rolls in 1951, according to figures from the office of J. P. Edmunds, secretary of the Department of Survey, Statistics and Information of the Sunday School Board in Nashville.

Their total baptisms for 1951 were 17,527, slightly less than the 1950 number of 18,680.

According to church classifications, the best ratio of baptisms to membership was found in the city suburban churches where the report showed one baptism for each twelve members.

Nearly 7,000 were baptized in the open country churches in Mississippi, 2500 in village churches, 2600 in town churches and 5400 in city and city suburban churches.

The records of all Southern Baptist Convention churches reporting for the year show that 375,525 per-

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HENRY EDMONDS

informative sermon from God's word, and climaxed by the commitment service.

Evangelist Billy Graham stated in his Saturday night service at Jackson that he could not see how any Christian could justify a vote for whiskey. It must be observed however that a failure to vote at all is a vote for whiskey. It is also equally obvious that any person who drinks can bring himself to justify a vote for whiskey at least in his own mind!

With these several ideas in mind the three-fold challenge has been adopted. All pastors and leaders are urged to acquaint their people fully with the need and with the facts and to adopt for their own church a goal constituting a worthy part of the budget assigned to its county and to lead the people to go over the top financially as well as to enlist personally in the fight by the other commitments.

Special materials will be available within the next few days and it is suggested that those coming to Jackson within the next two weeks from the various counties check with the United Dry Association, 417½ East Capitol Street, telephone 5-232, if they will be able to deliver the same to their counties. A great deal of postage, express and other expense can be saved.

Surely, under God's leadership and in grateful appreciation of the blessings that we have enjoyed as a dry state, Mississippi Baptists will rise up to make this one of the greatest days in our history.

## Crisis In Colombia

By HENRY L. McCORKLE

Editor's note: By special permission we give herewith a portion of the article which recently appeared in PRESBYTERIAN LIFE.

To obtain the stories which appear in this article and the one to follow in next week's issue, the news editor, Dr. Henry L. McCorkle, spent a long vacation in Colombia visiting Protestant groups in more than 20 big cities and little towns, talking with missionaries, laymen, Colombian ministers, and many Roman Catholics).

On guard, faithful people, The fight is going to begin, The enemy is in front And he wants to conquer us. With a plate of food You corrupt the hungry ones; Just wait—in the life to come You will pay with torment.

Hundreds of Protestant pastors are invading our country now, They are devouring wolves That come to us from abroad. This sounds like some kind of communist propaganda. It is not. These are three of twenty verses of the "Daily Anti-Protestant Song" which is now being taught by youngsters by Roman Catholic priests, nuns, and brothers in the South American Republic of Colombia.

The first stanza quoted is not correct. An all-out fight against the Protestant Church in Colombia is not in the future; it is now entering its fourth violent year. The fight, carried on in almost every

section of the South American continent's northernmost nation, is an organized campaign by the Roman Catholic Church to force the Evangelicals (or "believers," as they are sometimes called) out of the country. It is not a subtle campaign, but is waged with the weapons of terror, through fire, stoning, death, intimidation, lies, half-truths, and pressures of every conceivable kind.

Ever since 1949 news of this struggle has reached the outside world. Stories have been printed about killings, the bombing and stoning of churches, the open-faced denial and perversion of the Protestant heritage, the torturing of people who believe as we do in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. But nothing ever happened. The stories weren't printed fully, weren't believed, or weren't read.

I have just returned from a vacation in Colombia. I have talked to dozens of people, Catholic and Protestant, influential and ordinary, calm and downright mad. I have investigated persecutions and investigated investigators. I have tried to look at the situation in Colombia from every point of view and in every populated section of the country. I have seen enough with my own eyes and through the reports which have been prepared by honest and accurate men inside Colombia since December to know beyond question of a doubt that (1) the

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## Informed Baptists Are Better Baptists The Every Family Plan Makes Informed Baptists



## Crisis In Colombia . . .

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reports about Protestant persecution in Colombia are true (2) that the Roman Catholic Church in Colombia is responsible for it; and (3) that the hundreds of incidents of Protestant—not political—persecution there since 1949 constitute one of the most serious violations of human rights in modern history. The situation in Colombia makes the much-publicized persecutions in Spain seem mild as a May breeze.

Why did one mission group in Colombia—the Gospel Missionary Union—lose twenty local churches in three years? Why did Roman priests lead mobs in the stoning of big city Protestant churches? Why have Evangelicals lost more than \$400,000 worth of church and personal property in the past year? Why have hundreds of thousands of Catholics left their churches? Why are many American Catholics in Colombia embarrassed and evasive about their church? Why can't many Protestants even be buried in family-owned land in public cemeteries? The answers lie in the nature of the Roman Catholic Church of Colombia, which is—as one Catholic told me, "One of the last strongholds of Roman Catholic feudalism."

Ever since the days of the Spanish conquistadors, Colombia—with its great mountains and flat, hot river valleys—has been tightly bound to Spanish culture and the Roman Catholic Church. Colombia is intensely religious, but, as a prominent Protestant National says, "It is not Christian." Of the nation's some 11,000,000 inhabitants, at least 10,500,000 are claimed as members of the Roman Catholic Church. This is probably true if one counts all the Catholic baptism certificates in circulation.

But today, there are—at most—only about 2,500,000 who could be called practicing Roman Catholics—the ones who go to mass and confession regularly. Of this group, only 600,000 at most are men. In this group are some 3,000 priests. Easily 350 of this total are Spanish, mostly from the Augustinian, passionist, and Capuchin orders. This compares with about 210 foreign Protestant missionaries. The rest of the ten and a half million are nominal—if anything.

In addition are the some 27,000 members of the Protestant community (communicant members and those who attend Evangelical churches); some 5,000 Southern Baptists and Adventists (who do not consider themselves Protestant); around 45,000 Communists and sympathizers; and Jews, Orthodox, and atheists.

With more than four centuries of control in Colombia, the Roman Church, despite its recent inability to hold members, is still the greatest single landholder and "the best business in Colombia." The income of the church runs into millions of pesos and probably tops that of the greatest commercial enterprise, Bavaria Beer. The church is recognized as the official religion of Colombia through a Concordat with the Vatican. The nation's most recent Constitution

## "Church Patch" Will Build Church



Above are pictured a group of 38 from the Randolph Church in Pontotoc County who took part in the hoeing of the "church patch." Realizing the urgent need for more room the "church patch" idea was adopted. Ten acres were offered rent-free on the Lethal Hodges farm, money was raised for seed and fertilizer, and, in addition, four men volunteered to plant an acre each at their home and to donate the proceeds to the church fund. The "church patch" was planted with the aid of five tractors and one team of mules. Rev. J. S. Grubbs, pastor, has appointed a building committee to work out details for the new church.

(1936) allows "liberty of cults," and the government is a signer of the UN Declaration of Human Rights, but the present official interpretation of the Constitution implies that liberty of cults means freedom to propound the Catholic faith only.

In a majority of Colombia's public schools, weekly mass is a regular part of the curriculum. The baptismal certificate, which can be purchased handily for two pesos (\$.80) without benefit of church service is, in reality, the Colombia birth certificate. Even Protestants find that they would do well to have one, even though it makes them technically members of the Catholic Church. Catholic marriage is the only religious wedlock recognized. Protestants have to get permission from ecclesiastical authorities to have a civil ceremony, which, of course, still leaves them unmarried as far as the Roman Church is concerned. A Catholic can get married in a week; Protestants are lucky if they make it in two months. Priests also have to okay all applications for burial certificates in "public" cemeteries.

The various Colombian governments (national, state, and local) give grants to Catholic church construction and levy no building taxes. For street repairs or sewage, no municipal assessments are usually made on church property. Protestants have to pay both building taxes and full municipal assessments.

Priests are exempt from civil law, but are accountable to ecclesiastical courts. As far as I know, priests have never been imprisoned, indicted, or disciplined by these courts for acts they themselves committed or have had committed against Protestants. The government has taken steps in civil courts against mayors and police in some cases of Protestant persecution, but the great majority of cases has never been reported or prosecuted. The politics of the Roman Church is conservative and definitely hostile to the

nation's liberals, as evidenced in many pastoral letters, especially in the election year of 1949. In Cali, in southern Colombia, the assistant governor of the state told a Protestant minister that Romanism was the "official religion" of the conservatives.

With the conservatives in power and with ancient traditions supporting it, the Roman Church should have been able to protect its position. But Colombia—its people and its institutions—can no longer be feudal. The virtually inaccessible landlocked cities like Bogota, Medellin, Bucaramanga, and Cali have been opened to the world by the airplane. The machines and ideas of the twentieth century are there to stay. A new middle class is a-borning, full of new ideas, and a majority of the people has found fifteenth-century Romanism badly wanting.

Some of the trouble is political. Many of the people of Colombia cannot forget the church's part in the bloody uprising in Bogota on April 9, 1948, when priests were seen machine-gunning crowds from the top of church towers. The majority of the people also do not seem to agree with the policies of the party that the Roman Church supports. At least 30,000 people have been killed since April 9, 1948, in strictly political fighting.

And some of the trouble has been because of the Roman Church's intense and long-lived hatred of Protestants. From the first pastoral letter excommunicating all who read the Protestant Bible (1856) to a priest-led attack on a Protestant church in Barbosa on Easter Sunday, 1952, the hierarchy has constantly badgered the Protestants. With change in government in the late '40's, plus the fact that the Protestant missionary force more than doubled in 1941-47, the Roman church felt it could move out into the open with its century-old struggle against Protestant ideas.

The main reason for this persecution is fear—unreasoned, uncontrolled fear on the part of the

Roman Catholic Church in Colombia. It is afraid of losing its position, its wealth, and its power far more than it is afraid of a few Protestants. The Catholic Church of Colombia has lost its grip upon the people. It has developed no positive program to win its people back. It has made the mistake of persecuting a group of Christians who refuse to give up and who continue to grow. Despite many utterances about peace and unity, the Roman Church as deliberately courted unrest and disunity. With its campaign against Protestantism, however, it has managed only to strengthen Protestantism in the past four years.

Sooner or later, the pressure of public opinion from Protestants throughout the world will force an end to this unnatural, unholy way of rescuing a lost era. A priest in Segovia, Antioquia, said four years ago, "We know we can't stop the Protestants, but we must put fear into the people so that they will stay away from the Protestants." No amount of persecution will ever make that wish come true in Colombia. But for the widows, the beaten, the homeless, and the maligned, the way of the Cross is cruel. We must not ask them to bear that Cross alone.

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PHOENIX, Ariz. —(BP)—Grand Canyon College, Arizona's Baptist College in Phoenix, is now accredited by the University of Arizona, according to announcement made by Dr. B. O. Herring, president of Grand Canyon. President Herring believes the achievement significant in the short term required to attain it. Grand Canyon College has just completed its third year of operation.



BILL LOWE

Bill Lowe, Minister of Music and Education of the Brookhaven Church, Brookhaven, Georgia, will direct the music during a series of revival services at the House of Prayer, June 30-July 6. Morning services will be at 10:00 o'clock and the evening services at 7:00 o'clock. Prayer services will precede the evening services at 11:00 o'clock.

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There were 60 who attended and received awards at the Training Union Study Course recently held at Macedonia Church in Lebanon, Association. Rev. R. A. Hancock is pastor. The teachers were: Rev. A. W. Talbert, Brookhaven, Atlanta; Rev. Oren Robison, pastor of Emmanuel Church in Hattiesburg, Mississippi; Gayle Shelton, intermediates; and Mrs. Oren Robison and Mrs. A. W. Talbert were in charge of the beginners and primaries.

## Attention! Mississippi Baptist Pastors Is Your Future Secure?

No one can escape old age except by death. If you are forced to retire from active service because of age, or ill health, will you have an income so long as you live?

In case of your death, would your wife have a regular income so long as she should live or remain your widow?

If you are a member of the Ministers Retirement Plan and the Widows Supplemental Annuity Plan, the answer to these questions is YES. If you have failed to join these plans, the answer, in all probability, is NO.

You can join the Ministers Plan at any time. July 1 is the only date on which you can enter the Widows Plan. You could join both at the same time.



Thursday, June 26, 1952

**Look Before You Leap**

We hope that every reader of the Baptist Record will read the information given below. We are very anxious that everyone who is thinking of voting for legalizing liquor on August 26 will read it with care. Be certain you know what you are voting for.

From various sources we have been assured that a vote in favor of legalizing liquor would not repeal Mississippi's dry laws, but that only the counties which wanted to vote in whiskey could do so. We call attention to a significant provision following the two propositions we voted for in the election. The same is quoted herewith:

"A. For allowing counties upon petition of 20 per cent of the qualified electors to vote for or against legalizing the sale of intoxicating liquor of an alcoholic content of more than 4 per cent alcohol by weight.

"B. Against allowing counties upon petition of 20 per cent of the qualified voters to vote for or against legalizing the sale of intoxicating liquor of an alcoholic content of more than 4 per cent alcohol by weight."

"Provided, however, that if a majority of the qualified electors voting for the proposition as submitted, said vote shall be a mandate to the legislature to set up a controlled system for the whole state."

From the language of the above paragraph it is obvious that should the majority vote for legalized liquor, the mandate to the Legislature would be to set up a legal control system for the whole state and also to repeal prohibition. Does this not indicate that the burden would then be upon each county to vote legalized liquor out, and we would again be required to go through all the extended litigation and disappointment that the counties have already experienced under our so-called local option beer law, where counties have had to vote as many as four times . . .

If the worst should come and liquor should be legalized, some systems are less objectionable than others, yet this bill does not allow the people to vote on what system would be installed if the legislature were given a "mandate" to set up a control system.

As Henry Edmunds, secretary of the Mississippi's United Drys, says:

"The Legislature had a most urgent mandate from the people to repeal the Black Market Tax law, since every member of both houses except three was elected on a platform which included repeal of the Black Market Tax. Nevertheless, not one of the four repeal bills ever got out of committee!"

Mr. Edmunds also asks the following pertinent question?

"Can the legislature be trusted with a mandate? Do we dare give them unlimited discretion in the selection of a system?"

Vote the Bottom Line (X)

**Pastors Afforded Golden Opportunity**

There are several hundred pastors in the state who are not now members of either the Ministers Retirement Plan or the Widows Supplemental Annuity Plan.

Since July 1 is the anniversary date of the Widows Plan in Mississippi and the only date on which one may join, it would be a real opportunity for pastors to join both plans at the same time.

A person must be a member of the Ministers Plan before he can join the Widows Supplemental Plan but applications can be made for both at the same time.

Those in both plans are then protected from any eventuality—death, old age, disability, and his widow is protected upon his possible death before retirement.

There is a revival of interest in Mississippi now regarding these two plans and several applications have been received in the Convention Board office lately.

Those in the Ministers Plan but not in the Widows Plan are urged to get in on the July anniversary date and those not in either plan are therefore urged to come in both.

One Plan supplements the other and both are necessary for complete protection for the pastor and his widow in case of his death before retirement.

Not only is the pastor eligible to join the two plans, but any paid church employee—man or woman—can join the Ministers Plan and any man can subsequently join the Widows Plan.

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**As Others Saw It**

Continuing the series of editorials giving the ideas of other Southern Baptist editors concerning the Southern Baptist Convention, we give below some expressions of opinion:

Dr. L. L. Carpenter, editor of the BIBLICAL RECORDER thinks that our great numbers are our pride and glory.

"They also present," he said, "our greatest problem, danger and challenge. The problems involved are: How have a deliberative assembly and preserve our democracy? How make our Convention efficient, both in its work during the year and at the annual meetings? How to train and enlist these millions of church members?"

Concerning the Committee on Relations with other Religious Bodies, Dr. Carpenter writes: "The work of this Committee should be discontinued. There is no rhyme nor reason for the continuation of this agitation as to whether doctrinal

AGAINST Legal Whiskey on August 26th.



nal tests shall be applied to local churches for membership in the Convention. Such questions as 'alien immersion' and 'open communion' have been avoided previously by a declaration that the New Testament is the sole guide of Baptists, and if we are wise we will continue this policy."

Dr. B. H. Duncan, editor of the Arkansas Baptist, noted that "The number of young men on the program, and particularly those who were assigned to deliver special messages and sermons, was quite noticeable. These young men are proving themselves capable, far-sighted, and worthy of the confidence of Southern Baptists. A word of caution should be spoken just here. The program committee . . . should be careful that they do not limit the use of these young men to a narrow circle. There are many more young men just as capable who are now being used and are being used repeatedly."

—BR—

**"Transfer Week" Planned for Sept.**

Southern Baptists will make their first concentrated united effort to locate and enlist over a million non-resident members when "Transfer Church Membership Week" will be observed throughout the Convention, September 14-21.

Authorized by the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami, every church in the convention has been asked to cooperate in a simultaneous effort that week to locate and enlist locally as many as possible of the nearly 2,000,000 non-resident members.

Special plans have been prepared through the agency of the Department of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board and every southwide and state agency has pledged itself to the promotion of the effort.

Posters have been prepared publicizing the week and they will be mailed to all the churches. "Search cards" will be made available through the office of the state executive secretary.

A five-step plan has been suggested, beginning with a "search"

or census on Sunday, Sept. 7.

Visitation—to begin Saturday, September 13 and continue daily throughout the next week, with roundup visitation day, Saturday, September 20.

Three days, Sunday, Sept. 14; Wednesday, Sept. 17; Sunday, Sept. 21, have been suggested as "Reception of new members" days.

Wednesday night, Sept. 17, will be prayer and invitation night, with Sunday, September 21, serving as Climax Sunday.

In many associations the effort will be promoted on an associational basis and in many cities, the plan is for a city-wide effort with each church taking a specific territory.

The need now is for each church to place this date in its calendar and plan to observe the week.

—BR—

**Our Readers Write**

A. L. Goodrich, Editor,  
The Baptist Record,  
Clinton, Miss.

Dear Sir:

I have been reading the Baptist Record for some years. Frankly, I like most of it but I want to tell you that I do not agree with your articles and editorials against the liquor bill which is to be voted on in August.

Anybody who believes that it would be worse with liquor legalized than it is now doesn't know much and should have his head examined.

I am a total abstainer, and a Baptist.

Comment: A person doesn't have to "know much" to know that legalizing liquor will make it easier to get and therefore more people will get it. If legalizing a thing will curb the desire and therefore decrease the consumption, why not legalize the free sale of narcotics? Then everybody could get them and as the above writer indicates fewer people would want them.

As to the statement that conditions would be better if liquor is legalized we challenge the writer to name just one state where conditions are better or less liquor drunk under legalization than under prohibition. Conditions in Mississippi are not perfect but the per capita consumption is much less than in surrounding states that have legal liquor.

—BR—

A good church in a South Mississippi city is seeking a good music-educational director. The church wants a settled man with experience in both fields of endeavor. They are concerned more with a person with ability than with degrees he may have. Anyone interested may write the Baptist Record and the letter will be forwarded to the church.

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## GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH

## Layman Pays For Record

Recently Rev. Roy Self, Scott County Associational Missionary, was supplying in a Scott County Church. During his visit he called the attention of the church to the need of and value of the Baptist Record.

The church wanted to think about the matter for a while, but one layman was so interested that he wanted to pay for the Record for a period of three months with the hope that the church will want to continue it thereafter. Wanted: More laymen of this kind.

Scott County Record readers are now listed as follows: BETHLEHEM 47; BRANCH 43; Clifton 2; CASH 25; FOREST, FIRST 245; GOOD HOPE 42; GROVETON 25; HARPERVILLE 63; HILLSBORO, 28; HOMEWOOD 21; HOPEWELL 29; LAKE 54; LIBERTY 30; LUDLOW 87; MORTON 126; Oak Grove 19; Pleasant Ridge 3; PULASKI 22; SAND RIDGE 20; SPRINGFIELD 67; UNION 22; TWO MILE 32; and SALEM 20.

—BR—

Among the recent visitors to the Baptist Building include Rev. J. Thomas Tolar and a group of Royal Ambassador boys from McLain; Tommy Tolar, Frank Sowle Green, Jack Powell, Jack Hembree, Paul Smith, Malcolm Cockrell, James Earl Byrd, Mack Byrd, and C. R. Dixon.

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Pictured above is a group of boys and girls who attended the Vacation Bible School recently held at the First Church, New Albany. The enrollment was 209 with an average attendance of 178. Rev. J. R. Davis is pastor.

## JOE COOPER ACCEPTS VAIDEN PASTORATE

Rev. Joe Cooper has accepted the pastorate of Vaiden Church. He succeeds Rev. Percy Magee, who resigned several months ago to accept the Agricola pastorate.

Mr. Cooper is a native of Tallahatchie county and a '49 graduate of Mississippi College. He was awarded the B. D. degree at Southern Seminary last May.

The new Vaiden pastor has held several student pastorates. While studying at the Seminary he was pastor at Fordsville, Kentucky.

Mrs. Cooper is the former Wilma Stinson of Alabama. She is also a graduate of Mississippi College and was the winner of the WMU scholarship.

The Coopers have one daughter, age 2.

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## NORTH OXFORD CHURCH COMPLETES BUILDING

The Educational Annex of the North Oxford Church will be completed this week. The annex includes 11 educational rooms, pastor's study, kitchen and dining room. The entire church building is a brick veneer. A deep water well is being drilled and a baptistry is being installed.

The church, only three years old, has a membership of 230 and the Every Family Plan of the Baptist Record. The church was organized under the auspices of the county missions program with eight charter members.

Rev. James P. Brewer, of Brookhaven, pastor, was called in October, 1950 when the church went full time.

## DR. QUARLES TO SPEAK AT DORROH'S LAKE

CALHOUN CITY, Miss.—Dr. Chester L. Quarles of Jackson, State Baptist executive secretary, will be the principal speaker at a meeting at Dorroh's Lake Baptist Assembly, near here, Thursday, July 3.

Rev. John B. Laney of Calhoun City, assembly chairman, will preside over the meeting, scheduled for 10 o'clock a.m. Hon. R. P. Sugg of Eupora and Ford Harelson of Calhoun City will also have parts on the program.

Associational officers, pastors and other church leaders from over north Mississippi are expected to attend. The assembly is located just off Highway Nine about halfway between Eupora and Calhoun City.

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## Vacation Bible School Reports

Name	Enrollment	Offering
Macedonia		
(Lebanon Assoc.)	85	\$ 9.72
Byram (Hinds Co.)	135	17.50
Bethel (Amite Co.)	101	18.41
Columbus, Calvary	145	38.55
Sunflower	69	8.35
Moselle	65	
Marks, First		43.85
Hazlehurst	256	76.86
Philadelphia, First		43.85
Water Valley	213	32.61
Columbus, Southside	162	
Grenada, First	362	
Brooklyn	144	
Utica	81	
McComb, Friendship	115	13.34

—BR—

The early Christians did not wait to be lectured to some office or put on some committee before going to work.

## INDIAN CHURCH NEAR PHILADELPHIA BURNS

Bethany Baptist Church, on the Pearl River Choctaw Indian Agency near Philadelphia, was destroyed by fire believed to have been started by lightning early Friday morning, June 20.

The church, a concrete block building, and all its furnishings, were a total loss. The Rev. W. W. Simpson is pastor.

The fire was discovered by Nicholas Bell, a Choctaw Indian who lived near the church, about 2 a.m. Friday, but the blaze had gained such control that it could not be extinguished. Only a few years old, the church was well equipped with modern facilities.

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## 50, 40 &amp; 25 Years Ago

By REV. J. L. BOYD

50 YEARS AGO

The Gulfport Baptist Church closed their revival meeting with 18 accessions to the church. Pastor P. E. Phillips had Rev. J. R. Johnston as helper.

45 YEARS AGO

The Southside church, Meridian, closed "a very gracious meeting", resulting in 36 additions, 27 for baptism.

A revival meeting in the West Point Church resulted in 61 accessions to the church. Pastor W. T. Hudson was assisted by Rev. W. D. Nowlin of Owensboro, Ky., as preacher.

Twenty-two were added to the church, 15 for baptism, during a revival in the Shuqualak church, Pastor W. H. Thompson being assisted by Rev. R. A. Kimbrough of Tupelo.

25 YEARS AGO

Evangelist W. M. Bostick of the Home Board and the Mississippi Quartette from the B.B.I. were with Pastor W. C. Stewart and the Houston church for a meeting which resulted in 31 additions to the church.

A meeting of days in the McLain Baptist Church resulted in 10 accessions to the church. Pastor C. S. Moulder was assisted by Rev. C. C. Jones.

## Bolivar . . .

(Continued from Page 1) include Meltonia and Niland. The association sponsors monthly Bulletin that is used both news and promotion.

The Association maintains an associational budget that systematically finances the various features of the associational program.

In addition to leading the missionary work Missionary Evangelists manages to stay busy in many matters, conducting mission Bible schools, teaching in the Mississippi Baptist Seminary Extension Center for Negroes at Mound Bayou well as answering calls for various types of service.

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## Secretary Edmunds . . .

(Continued from Page 1)

sons were baptized into the churches in 1951, or one baptism for every nineteen and a half members the 28,289 churches.

In the city churches, baptisms rose 6.2 per cent over the 1950 but a slight percentage decrease shown in town, village and open country churches. The best ratio baptisms to the church membership is in the city suburban churches a new classification this year where there was one baptism for each twelve and a half members. The city churches reported an average of one for each nine members.

A new statistic in the 1951 report shows that 3,557 Catholics were baptized into the membership Southern Baptist churches during the year. Nearly 2,500 of the were in city churches and 300 were in open country churches. During the report year, city churches baptized 177,339; city urban churches, 8,233; town, 55,819; village, 39,102, and open country, 95,250.

—BR—

Hulon Brown was recently ordained as a deacon by the Wood Church in Laurel. The ceremony was given by Rev. T. R. Coulter, pastor of the Eastview Church. The sermon was brought by Rev. J. D. Lundy, pastor of the Good Hope Church in Perry County. Rev. John M. Foy, pastor, P. W. Brown, father, and deacons Mac Park, Morgan Bond, and Robert K. W. in participated in the service.

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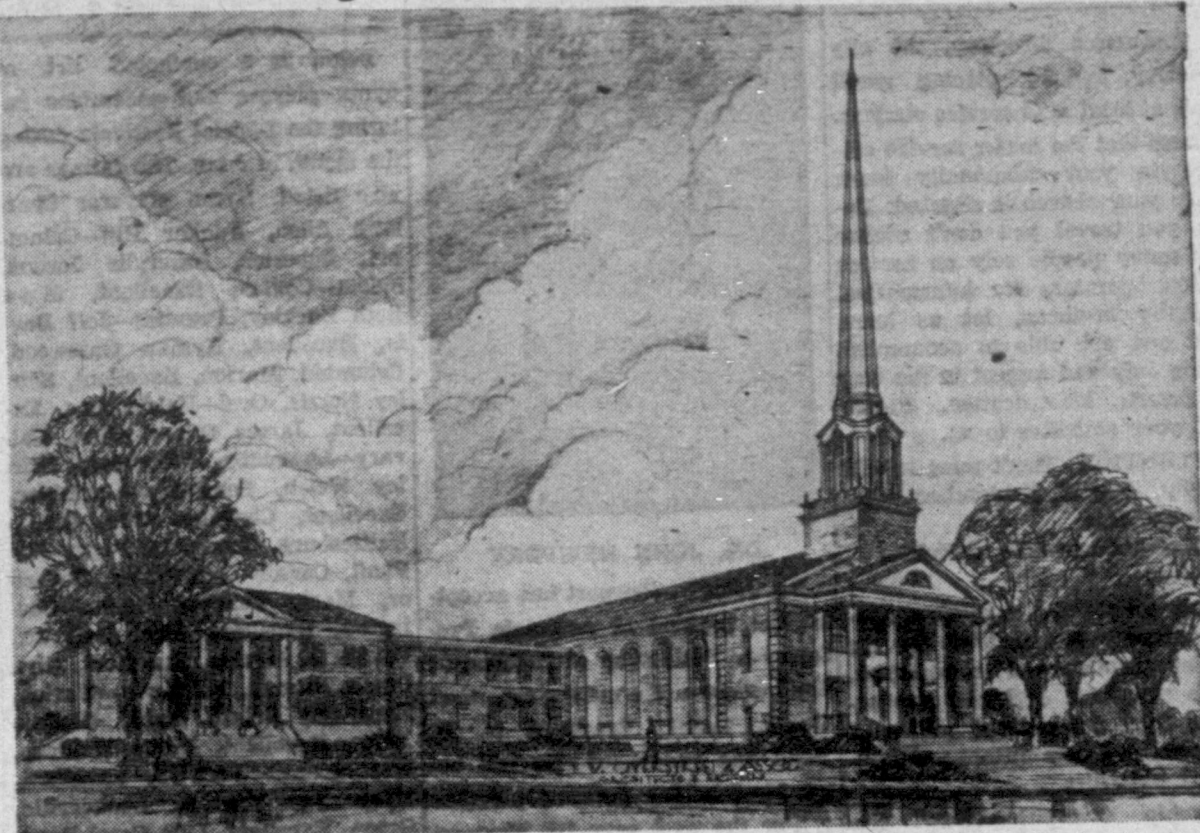
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SUNDAY SCHOOL AND  
TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE  
June 22, 1952

Jackson, Northside	531	150
Jackson, Crestwood	561	359
Jackson, First	1455	418
Main Church	1337	370
Broadmoor Chapel	118	48
Second Ave.	424	232
Hattiesburg, Main St.	914	283
Meridian		
Star Springs Drive	313	118
Meridian		
Seventh Ave.	500	165
Jackson, Parkway		
Chapel	902	347
Jackson, Parkway	137	94
Jackson, Calvary	1329	323
Jackson, Daniel		
Memorial	496	174
Jackson, Southside	142	
Scagoula, First	738	258
Main School	581	206
MacArthur Mission	37	
Jackson Avenue		
Mission	69	14
Orange Grove Mission	36	38
River View Mission	15	
Comb, Friendship	192	103
Scarsville	136	56
Northaven, First	785	358
Main Church	646	239
Hamilton	106	67
Southway	33	52
River		
Lincoln Co.)	108	72
Highland	95	91
Highland	132	55
Field (Scott Co.)	101	60
Port, First	732	222
Friendship		
Lincoln Co.)	160	74
Scarsville, First	632	152
Columbus, First	724	191
Wak's Creek		
Lincoln Co.)	192	117
Northaven		
Lincoln Co.)	153	79
Comb, East	413	182
Zion (Lincoln Co.)	134	60
Walshall Co.)	105	104
Amite Co.)	64	52
Mer Ridge		
Lincoln Co.)	163	120
City, First	374	92
Bena, First	205	98
Hattiesburg, Temple	525	142
Helem (Jones Co.)	128	88
Doboro	174	94
Neshoba Co.)	77	70
Meridian, First	443	136
Meridian, East	67	40
Meridian, South	56	36
Meridian, West End	40	45
Meridian, South Side	334	111
Meridian, West	388	98
Mission S. S.	21	
Meridian (Pontotoc Co.)	130	72
Meridian	111	81
Enterprise	160	64
Meridian, Oakland		
Hights	187	60
Meridian	422	190
Meridian (Jones Co.)	144	63
Crystal Springs, First	663	174
Meridian City, First	326	110
Meridian Chitto (Pike Co.)	95	80
Meridian, New Hope	89	39
Meridian, Emmanuel	236	86
Meridian, West Side	135	74
Meridian (Marion Co.)	147	
Meridian Prespect		
Meridian (Lafayette Co.)	75	35
Meridian (Choctaw Co.)	77	
Meridian (Choctaw Co.)	83	86
Meridian	140	50
Meridian (Union Co.)	122	114
Columbus, Southside	113	73
Meridian, Tate St.	290	75
Meridian	242	

First Church Louisville Begins Building Program  
Ground Breaking Ceremonies To Be Held June 29

The First Church, Louisville, will observe a program of "Ground Breaking" on Sunday, June 29, as it sets forth the construction of a new Church sanctuary, according to an announcement by the pastor, Rev. James H. Fairchild. Dr. W. A. Hewitt, pastor emeritus of the First Church, Jackson, will preach at the Sunday morning hour of worship, after which the congregation will move to the spot where the new building will be erected to conclude the ground breaking program.

Actual construction will be started during the week. The cost of construction will be approximately \$257,000, excluding the furnishings. Construction has been delayed until now because of the difficulty met in receiving the necessary building permit from the National Production Authority, Washington, D. C.

The new building of Colonial design will provide seating for 650 on the main floor, 45 in the choir, and 150 in the balcony. The Building Committee is composed of W. A. Taylor, chairman, Henry Fair, Roger Kilpatrick, C. E. King, Joe H. McCully, and Tom Reid. Architectural services are by N. W. Overstreet & Associates, of Jackson.

The church has grown in membership from 635 in 1940 to 1125 in 1952. Financial contributions have

Mission	48
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June 15, 1952	
Sandersville	132
Itta Bena, First	201
Logtown	64

increased from \$11,156.62 in 1942 to \$66,112.57 for the associational year ending October, 1951. The church recently acquired additional property which will provide a parking lot adjacent to the new building, and increases the church property to include almost the entire block.

When the new sanctuary is completed the present building will become an Adult Building and provide also for a chapel. Preliminary plans for an educational building have been drawn which will connect the present building with the new sanctuary when the entire program is completed.

## Second Greenville Begins Work On New Building

Members of the Second Church of Greenville are rejoicing over the fact that actual work has begun on their new sanctuary. The building will accommodate 750 people.

The steady growth of the church during the past four months has necessitated many changes in the present building—the erecting of two annexes and other additions. When the congregation moves into the new sanctuary the present one will be converted into class rooms for the Adult Department.

Rev. M. E. Perry, completing his fourth year as pastor the first Sunday in July, has seen the membership grow from a little more than 500 to over 1200. Every phase of the work has grown in proportion with the increased membership, and enlarged plans are being laid for the months ahead.

Gillespie Is Evangelist  
At Ruth June 29-July 4

Rev. Arthur S. Gillespie, head of the Department of Missions in the New Orleans Seminary, will be the evangelist during the revival at Ruth, June 29-July 4. Mr. Gillespie was formerly a missionary of the Foreign Mission Board and taught in the China Baptist Theological Seminary in 1939.

Rev. Henry L. Keahey, pastor of the Gilgal Church in Minden, Louisiana will lead the singing. Rev. Ben Borders is pastor.

Perhaps the most enjoyable phase of our work has been services held in our own home. Although a year has not yet passed, the community has felt the impact of these services. As our neighbor across the street celebrated the New Year, she refused for the first time, to serve whiskey. Her children chided, "Mother's becoming a Christian!"—Charles Whaley, missionary to Japan.

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### BROTHERHOOD EMPHASIS FOR JULY AND AUGUST

During July and August the Baptist Brotherhood will emphasize CHURCH IDENTIFICATION. Altogether too many Baptist churches in Mississippi are not properly identified. So far during 1952 many of the Brotherhoods have erected suitable signs identifying their church. But there is still much to be done. There are four specific phases of church identification.

#### 1. HIGHWAY WELCOME SIGNS:

An attractive sign suitably located and easily noticed when approaching a town or community serves a dual purpose. First, it reveals that there are Baptist churches in the city and secondly, it issues a warm welcome. During July and August investigate the possibility of a highway welcome sign.

2. DIRECTIONAL SIGNS: After a visitor notices your welcome sign and arrives in the community or town, encourage him to visit your church by erecting suitable directional signs. A small sign with the name of your church and an arrow pointing out the proper direction is always helpful. Use as many of these arrows as is necessary to properly locate your church.

3. A CHURCH SIGN OR BULLETIN BOARD: After you have directed the visitor to the location of the church be sure that you properly identify the building. This can be done by erecting an attractive but not "gaudy" sign on the church building or placing it somewhere on the property. The church can be identified by the use of a bulletin board, preferably lighted so it can be easily detected at night.

4. LOCAL DIRECTORIES: Another important project can be the placing of the name, address, and telephone number of your church in the classified section of the local telephone directory, the Chamber

of Commerce directory, the city directory, and by placing small cards at local auto service stations. Be sure that the major service stations in your community know where your church is situated. Unless you travel you don't realize how many people rely on service station operators for information. Finally brethren, let us know what you are able to accomplish during July and August in the way of church identification. Please send your activities to us.

ATTENTION: Don't miss article in July, August, September Journal, page 150.

#### Suggested Committee Activities For July

Each month we suggest a specific activity for each of the six regular Brotherhood committees. These suggested activities are selected from the present edition of "Brotherhood Committees and Suggested Activities".

**Worship Committee**—Lead the Brotherhood to help make the church grounds clean and attractive.

**Education Committee**—Stimulate the reading of good books; and if the church does not have a library, help establish one. For information write to your nearest Baptist Book Store.

**Evangelistic Committee**—Work with the church librarian to see that books are available which will aid men in evangelistic endeavor.

**Stewardship Committee**—Work continually to get every man in the Brotherhood to support faithfully the church's financial program.

**Benevolence Committee**—Help the pastor by bearing some of the load of visitation to the sorrowing, sick, and aged.

**Boys' Work Committee**—Provide men leaders for the Royal Ambassador organization within the church when requested by the WMU or the pastor.



DR. JOHN NEWPORT

Dr. John P. Newport has accepted the position of Associate Professor of Philosophy of Religion at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. President E. D. Head has announced. He will begin his teaching duties September 1. For the past year Dr. Newport has served as Associate Professor of Philosophy of Religion and New Testament Interpretation at the New Orleans Seminary. Prior to that, he was Professor and Director of Graduate Studies in the Department of Religion of Baylor University, Waco, Texas. Before his teaching ministry, Dr. Newport served as pastor of the Clinton Baptist Church, Clinton, Miss.

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### Religious Education Association To Meet At Ridgecrest

The annual Southeastern Religious Education Association will hold its annual conference at Ridgecrest, N. C., July 9-10, and all religious education workers in Mississippi have been urged to attend.

Every phase of religious education work will be discussed by outstanding leaders from over the Southern Baptist Convention. Many outstanding leaders will have parts on the program. Some of them are Dr. Jasper N. Barnett, Nashville, Tenn., Hermaning, Nashville, Tenn., J. M. Crowe, Abilene, Tex., Dr. John M. Price, New Orleans, Dr. Gayle McGlothen, Cecil Lea, Dr. Jack Jones, Miss Thelma Arnote, Adele Carlson, Dr. G. S. Dobbins, Louisville, y., David Marshburn, Augusta, Ga., Joe Burnette, Columbia, S. C., W. Hines Sims, Nashville, Tenn., Miss Ruth Graham, Charlotte, N. C., Maines Rawls, Nashville, Tenn., Willard Weeks, Ridgecrest, Dr. J. E. Lambdin, Nashville, Tenn., J. G. Price, New Orleans, Ed Echerd, Charlotte, N. C., Fern elling, Knoxville, Tenn., and Dr. Perry Crouch, Asheville, N. C.

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The McCall Church in Havana, Cuba, was organized with 36 members in 1950. The church now has 61 members and baptized 24 the first year or one for each one and one-half members.

## MUSIC DEPARTMENT

W. C. MORGAN, Secretary

Below is a continued list of hymn players and ensembles entering the District Festivals during the month of June. The ratings are also listed. Hymn players: Charlotte Allen, Bunker Hill—Columbia, Superior, Amarylis Jordon, Salem—Collins, Excellent, Mae Beth Buckley, Prentiss—Jeff Davis, Excellent, Hyman Gatewood, Columbia, Marion, Excellent, Shirley Norris, Oral—Hattiesburg, Excellent, James Oliver Allen, Calvary—Lawrence, Excellent, Shirley Welch, Seminary—Covington, Excellent, Christine Cole, Oral—Hattiesburg, Good-plus, Peggy McPhail, Carson—Jeff Davis, Superior, Marie Thames, Salem—Covington, Excellent, Earl Ball Jr., Foxworth, Marion, Excellent, Glyn Doyle Pittman, Foxworth—Marion, Excellent, Caleta Byrd, Glade—Jones, Excellent, Jamie Waldrup, West Laurel—Jones, Excellent, Mary Sue Rush, Leakesville, Green, Excellent, Lula Carol Parker, Lucedale—George, Superior, Ann Knight, Eastview, Jones, Excellent, Benny T. Williams, Glade—Jones, Excellent, Marleen Fike, McLain—Green, Excellent, Bobbie Green, Soso—Jones, Superior, Barbara Lowrimore, West Laurel, Jones, Superior, Marianne Lawrence, Highland—Jones, Superior, Sandra Braddy, Morton, Scott, Good, Billie Ann Bates, Leesburg, Rankin, Excellent, Ione Johns, Pelahatchie, Rankin, Excellent, Mary Ann Manning, Springfield—Scott, Excellent, Carolyn Boydston, Star—Rankin, Excellent, Minnie Jean Cooper, Springfield—Scott, Excellent, Mildred Nobles, Fellowship—Smith, Excellent, Myra Jeanette Lee, Star—Rankin, Excellent, Peggy Ann Thompson, Leesburg—Rankin, Superior, Mattie Helen Keeton, Morton, Scott, Superior, Patsy Chambers, Hillsboro—Scott, Excellent, Irma Joan Dodson, Ridge—Scott, Superior, Marilyn Walker, Bethlehem—Scott, Excellent, Anne Baker, Bethlehem—Scott, Excellent, Pat Smith, Magee—Smith, Superior, Patsy Warren, Philadelphia—Neshoba, Excellent, Minnie Del

When my wife and I decided to try to tithe, we sat down and estimated our expenses for the coming year. When we got through figuring, we were distressed to find that there was no tenth left over. So we decided to put the tithe aside first and see if we could live on the balance. When the year ended, we had done better on the nine-tenths than ever before on the whole. It was one of the reasons for it. "Honor the Lord with the substance, and with the first fruit of all thine increase" (Proverbs 3:9).

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DR. J. L. CORZINE

We are privileged to have with us this year at our Mississippi Baptist Sunday School Assembly at Camp Garaywa, July 21-25, Dr. J. L. Corzine, state Sunday school secretary of South Carolina.

Dr. Corzine is a specialist in the field of teaching. He has few equals in this line. He thrills, inspires, informs and challenges his listeners. He causes us to really want to be better teachers.

He will have two parts each day on the program. In the morning sessions he will take the Uniform lessons of the July-August-September series and help us in the actual use of them.

In the evening he will deal with some teaching situations in the ministry of Jesus.

Teachers, if you want some real help, here is a wonderful opportunity right here at home. This is the same type help you will get at Ridgecrest. In fact, Dr. Corzine is used frequently on that program.

So, make your plans now to come to our Assembly the week of July 21-25. Write now for reservation. The full price is only \$14.00.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSEMBLY PROGRAM

Camp Garaywa, July 21-25

#### Morning

- 7:15—Breakfast.
- 8:30—Age-Group Conferences.
- 9:50—Evangelism—Dr. C. E. Wilbanks.
- 10:35—Recess.
- 11:00—How Teach These Lessons? Dr. J. L. Corzine.
- 11:45—Bible Study—Dr. H. E. Spell.

#### Afternoon

Rest — Recreation — Study

#### Evening

- 6:00—Supper.
- 7:00—Teaching Situations in the Ministry of Jesus—Dr. J. L. Corzine.
- 8:00—Sing Time.
- 8:20—Inspirational Message—Dr. Wallace Bassett.
- Conference Leaders
- Cradle Roll—Mrs. Purser Hewitt, Jackson, Miss.
- Nursery—Mrs. A. B. Pierce, Kos-

ciusko, Miss.

Beginner—Mrs. W. D. Morgan, Jackson, Miss.

Primary—Miss Allene Bryan, Nashville, Tenn.

Junior—Miss Carolyn Madison, Jackson, Miss.

Intermediate—Mack R. Douglas, Nashville, Tenn.

Young People—Gainer E. Gryan, Jr., Nashville, Tenn.

Adult—Paul D. Boothe, Jackson, Miss.

Extension—Mrs. Ruby Hines, Kosciusko, Miss.

Pastors and Superintendents—E. C. Williams, Jackson, Miss.

### TRAINING AWARDS RECORDS

For May, 1952

No. Awards for May..... 1,891

No. Awards to date..... 18,977

No. Churches to date.... 512

No. Associations ..... 71

#### High Five Associations

- 1. Jackson ..... 334
- 2. Lauderdale ..... 248
- 3. Hinds ..... 222
- 4. Gulf Coast ..... 153
- 5. Lincoln ..... 144

#### High Five Churches

- 1. Meridian, First ..... 147
- 2. Natchez, First ..... 137
- 3. Brookhaven, First ..... 118
- 4. Handsboro ..... 101 (tie)
- 5. Pascagoula, First ..... 101 (tie)

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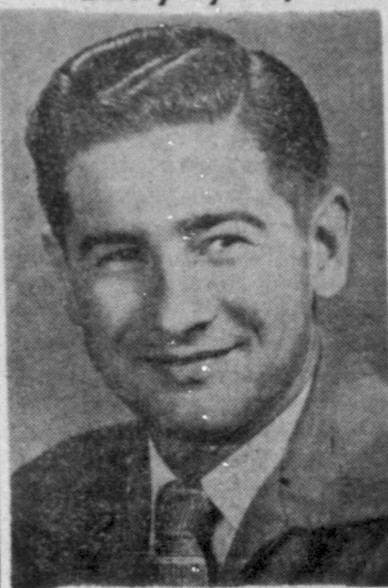
It is very gratifying to see the increase along this line. Through May we have had 512 churches reporting training this year, and we still have four months to go yet in this year.

The most churches for any full year was 514.

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Oh, Lord, let me be more nearly what I teach.

## Emory Byrum, W. R. Storie, Jr. Ordained



REV. EMORY BYRUM



REV. W. R. (BOB) STORIE

The Ocean Springs Church of which Rev. W. R. Storie is pastor recently ordained Emory Byrum of Pourtsmouth, Virginia and W. R. (Bob) Storie, Jr., son of the pastor, to the full Gospel ministry. Rev. John W. Baggett, pastor in Pourtsmouth, Virginia, delivered the sermon and Deacon J. W. Shipp presented the Bibles. Mr. Byrum is pastor of the Holstead Road Mission and Mr. Storie is assistant pastor of the Friendship Church, Kreole, where Rev. Pete Steelman is pastor.

## Ridgecrest Student Retreat Reports Biggest Attendance

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—Over 2900 college and university students were registered for the annual Student Week retreat at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly June 4-11, according to Dr. G. Kearnie Keegan, secretary of the Student Department of the Sunday School Board here.

Dr. Keegan described this year's retreat as the first "truly cosmopolitan" meeting, with twenty-two nations represented on the campus. He reported several conversions among the ones attending through the special effort to bring students of other nationalities to the retreat, among them a Chinese boy, a Chilean boy, a Cuban girl and a Russian boy.

The students gave a special mission offering of nearly \$2,000 to be used to undergird a special student project in Germany to help send representatives to the Baptist World Youth Congress in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, next summer, from nations that would otherwise be unable to send representatives.



Newly erected Union Baptist Church in Rankin County will be the scene of an all-day Homecoming program to be held June 29. Rev. C. M. Grayson, pastor, and members of the congregation extend a cordial invitation to the public to attend. An old-fashioned dinner-on-the-ground will be held at the noon hour. All former pastors and residents of the community are asked to attend the home-coming; the church was founded in 1866.

Scattered. Abroad (60c paper bound) by Dr. E. C. Routh is the 1952 adult Mission Study Book. It is published by the Broadman Press, Nashville, Tennessee. In this study Mr. Routh gives attention to the score or more of new countries in which Southern Baptists have entered during the last twelve years. He also gives the reader a look at improved missionary methods and techniques which would enable Christians the more effectively to "build highways for our King." The editor of this book, now retired, was formerly editor of a number of Baptist publications—the South Texas Baptist, the Baptist Standard of Texas, the Baptist Messenger of Oklahoma, and The Commission, the southern Baptist foreign mission journal. Order from the Baptist Book Store.

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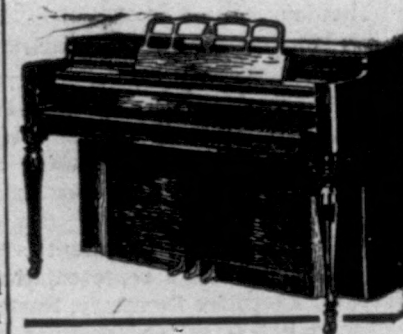
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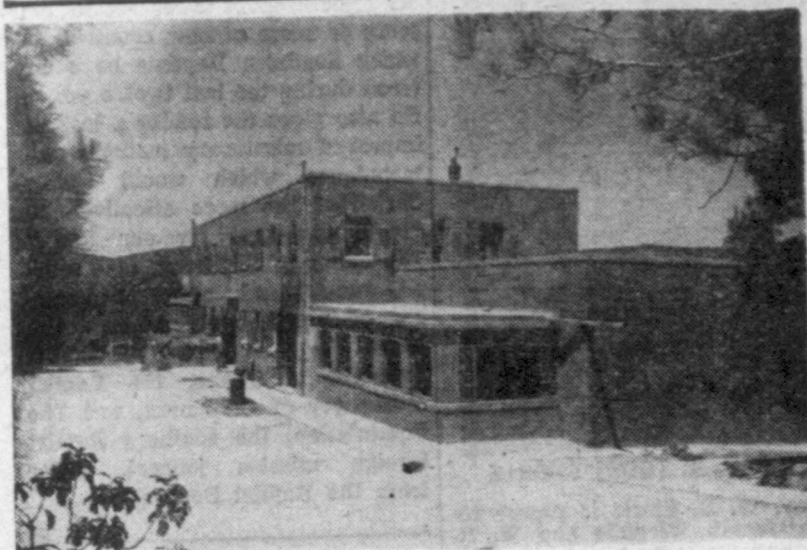
## RECEIVES DEGREE

Lenox Oglesby, a resident of the Baptist Orphanage for the past thirteen years, has just received the degree of Bachelor of Business Administration at the University of Mississippi. He was Business Manager of the 1952 Ole Miss Year Book. He was also in the advanced ROTC class and has been commissioned a 2nd Lt. in the United States Army. He has completed his preparatory training at Fort Benning, Georgia and is expecting his call from the regular army soon.



## Woman's Missionary Union

President—Miss Almarie Brown, Jackson;  
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The Hospital pictured above was given to Southern Baptists by a faith mission in England. The 40-bed hospital was established about 12 years ago and has done a wonderful work on limited means. The confidence of the people has been gained and maintained in a marvelous way. They have had an excellent evangelistic program.

Dr. J. T. McRae, Mississippi Medical Missionary stationed there writes: "It has filled a need for medical care for approximately one hundred and seventy-six villages in Northern Jordan. Since 1948 the patients treated have included hundreds of Arab refugees from Palestine."

The administration of the hospital was taken over by Southern Baptists on June 1, 1952. Dr. and Lorne Brown are in charge and Rev. and Mrs. Merrell Callaway are assisting with the evangelistic and school work. Dr. and Mrs. J. T. McRae are to join them about July 1st. Then after another year of language study, Dr. and Mrs. August Lovegren will join the staff so that at least two physicians may be available all of the time at the hospital with one on clinic tours as much as possible.

The work through this hospital represents Southern Baptists' first effort in the Near East to carry on a medical program with its many opportunities to preach and teach and heal in the name of Christ.

A list of needs has been sent to each Missionary Society. Cash and supplies are to be sent to the W. M. U. office by August 1st so that shipment can be made in early August.

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If you wish to provide a vacation for the children and receive a blessing for your own family, write immediately to: W. G. Mize, Supt, Baptist Orphanage, P. O. Box 1045, Jackson, Mississippi.

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## Convention Committees To Plan For 1953 Meet

Miami, Fla.—(BP)—Two committees named by messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention here, the Committee on Order of Business and the Committee on Boards, will begin soon to lay plans for the 1952 Convention in Houston, Texas, May 6-10.

Chairman of the Committee on Order of Business is A. B. Van Arsdale, 1401 Washington, Fort Worth, Texas, pastor of College Avenue Church. All suggestions or questions concerning next year's convention program and order of business should be addressed to the committee chairman.

Rev. E. C. Brown, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Blytheville, Arkansas, is chairman of the Committee on Boards.

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### CLARKSVILLE, Tenn. —(BP)—

The Baptist pastor of Mount Herman church near Clarksville had little to say when he performed the wedding of Miss Wilmouth Joyce Powell and Fred Dies, Jr., recently. He spoke only the sentence which pronounced them man and wife. The young couple themselves performed the ceremony. They asked each other the questions, read the scripture together, and exchanged the rings. Then the Rev. Fulton Robertson, pastor, officially tied the knot.

## Baptist Training Union

Auber J. Wilds State Secretary, Box 530, Jackson 5, Miss.  
Associate—Miss Joyce Whitten, Office Secretary; Miss. Louise Hill,  
Director Intermediate and Young People's Work



Auber J. Wilds Joyce Whitten Gladys Clement Louise Hill

They say they are coming! Yes, from all parts of the state they say they are coming to the Training Union Assembly at Camp Garaywa July 7-12. The Training Union staff invites you to come. The Camp administration bids you come. You will have a week of wonderful fellowship, meet old friends, and make new friends. "It's A Family Affair" so meet us there. Miss Joyce Whitten, Office Secretary in the Training Union Department will work with the Juniors each morning for both sessions of the conferences. Different ones will help each morning in the first conference, and for the second she will have them all to herself. Congratulations Juniors. You will like Miss Whitten. Miss Gladys Clement is the Educational Director of First Church, Jackson, and she will have a special period during the convention when she will discuss with the entire group the art and value of poster making. Visual aids has come to be a MUST in many churches, and posters are most effective and one of the simplest forms of visual aids. Miss Clement will show you how simple it is and you will see that you too can have visual aids in your church with little expense. Miss Louise Hill, Youth Leader in the Training Union Department will discuss program making each morning with a different group. Every one attending the conferences will benefit from her contributions. Along with this special assignment she will be busy with many other interests, like an "Assembly Paper," Banquet, and personal conferences.

### WATCH FOR THE PROGRAM OF THE GARAYWA ASSEMBLY IN NEXT WEEK'S ISSUE OF THE RECORD

Below we list the names of those who placed in the District Conventions the first week. If there are errors we will gladly correct them.

#### District 5

Beginner Story Telling—Miss Eva Carolyn Aultman, Holly Springs Baptist Church, Holly Springs, Mississippi, Marshall Association.

Primary Bible Story Telling—Nikkie Brewer, North Oxford Baptist Church, Oxford, Mississippi, Lafayette Association.

Junior Memory Work Drill—Perfect score—Ruth Brown, Ingomar Chapel, Union Association, New Albany, Mississippi. Curtis Hall, North Oxford Church, Oxford, Mississippi, Lafayette Association.

Sword Drill—B. G. Ray, Slayden Church, Lamar, Miss., Marshall Association. Shirley Hargrove, Old Oak Church, Union Association.

Young People Speaking—Miss Twanda Bryant, Philadelphia Church, Lafayette Association.

Adult Human Interest Story Telling—Mrs. Jesse Hardin, New Prospect Church, Lafayette Association.

#### District 6

Beginner Bible Story Telling—Gayle Leach, Wheeler Church, Prentiss Association.

Primary Bible Story Telling—Charlotte Searcy, Rienzi Church, Alcorn Association.

Junior Memory Work Drill—Perfect score—John Paul Roblin, Rienzi Church, Alcorn Association. Trudys Curlee, Rienzi Church, Alcorn Association. Jeanette Arnold, West Corinth Church, Alcorn Association. Buddy Miller, Baldwin Church, Prentiss Association.

Intermediate Sword Drill—Betty Gannon, Rienzi Church, Alcorn Association.

Young People Speaking—Miss Joyce Gambill, Osborne Creek Church, Prentiss Association.

Adult Human Interest Story—Mrs. Thomas Garner, Osborne Creek, Prentiss Association.

#### District 7

Beginner Bible Story Telling—Thomas Lee Parker, First Calhoun City, Calhoun Association.

Primary Bible Story Telling—Elaine McKay, First Houston, Chickasaw Association.

Junior Memory Work Drill—Perfect score—Barbara Ware, First Houston, Chickasaw Association. Mary Jane Dabbs, Union Chapel, Chickasaw Association. Bonnie Sue Gullledge, Pittsboro Church, Calhoun Association. Ronnie Sue Young, First Calhoun City Church, Calhoun Association. Beverly Tyler, First Columbus, Lowndes Association. Nancy Griffin, First Columbus Church, Lowndes Association.

Intermediate Sword Drill—Jimmy Rorie, Amory Church Monroe Association. Miss Johnnie Bratton, Macedonia Church, Calhoun Association.

Young People Speaking—Miss Jemmie Crocker, First Calhoun City, Calhoun Association.

Adult Human Interest Story—Mrs. Bungan Deaton, Calhoun Association.

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## Sparks & Splinters

**FRANKPORT, (RNS)** The Magoffin Baptist Institute, a mountain school for youth in Eastern Kentucky, has disclosed that it will not raise tobacco on its farm this year, but will substitute a beef-cattle program—"in line with our Christian principles."

Miss Dorothy Boyd, church secretary at Crestwood Church, Jackson, Rev. L. Gordon, Sansing, pastor, has resigned in order to become a secretary in the office of Dr. John Maguire, Jacksonville, Florida Baptist executive secretary. She has already taken over her new work.

Rev. Martin J. Gilbert, head of the Department of Rural Evangelism of the State Convention Board, was in an automobile accident on Saturday, June 21. The accident occurred a little before noon in Jackson. Mr. Gilbert is in the Baptist Hospital in Jackson where he is being treated for bruises. The driver of the other car is being charged with "failing to yield right of way causing accident."

In a survey that is being made through the Agricultural Education Department at the University of Illinois, it has been discovered that Clarke Memorial College taught more individual students during the first semester last year than any other one-teacher Junior College Department of Agriculture in the United States. Navarro Junior College in Texas was second, and Southwest Mississippi Junior College at Summit was third. Quoting Professor John T. Carter, Head of the Department of Agriculture at Clarke, "the thing that ran our enrollment up so high was the two classes of Ministerial students who took agriculture, and the night class that met at the high school."

The WMU of the Enterprise Church recently honored the G. A.'s with a banquet. The guest speaker was Mrs. Henry Chisolm, who has just returned from Japan, where she spent two years with her husband, a chaplain in the army. Rev. Frank W. Rush, pastor, led a short devotional period.

Miss Dorothy Jean Edwards, of Slate Springs, a recent graduate of Mississippi College, is the new church secretary of the First Church at Laurel, Rev. T. R. McKibbens, pastor.

On June 22 the church at Crystal Springs observed the fifth anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. M. D. Morton. Various leaders took turns in paying tribute to him and his leadership as it has been revealed in a great program of growth and development of the church.

Mississippi's Baptist Foundation, Dr. Harry Lee Spencer, Executive Secretary, has recently printed a pamphlet concerning the work of this important agency. The pamphlet gives information about the Foundation, its management, its officers, its plan of work and its purposes. A pertinent sentence in the pamphlet is, "Your money lives forever in the Baptist Foundation." Our readers should write for a copy to Dr. Harry Lee Spencer, P. O. Box 530, Jackson. It is free.

Among recent visitors to the Baptist Building are: W. W. Booth, Mathiston; J. F. Stanford, Macon; James R. Coleman, Pine Apple, Alabama; Doyle Kelly, Jackson; Rev. R. A. Hancock, Hattiesburg; Rev. John C. Hilbun, Ellisville; Frank C. Williams, Ellisville; H. J. Flood, Laurel; Harry Smalhood, Laurel; Dr. and Mrs. S. M. McIlwain, Pascagoula; Geo. A. Nichols, Opelousas, La.; W. L. Beard, Toake; Mr. and Mrs. Lamar McQueen, and son, Santa Rosa; Mrs. Lola Keller, Santa Rosa; A. S. McQueen, Picayune; Rev. Niver Dixon, Norwood, La.; Mrs. Niver Dixon, Norwood, La.; Miss Iris James, Norwood, La.; Larry Leon Russell, Hollandale; Jerry Horton, Isola; Billy Brooks, Isola; Earl Barnett, Hollandale; Jimmy McHenry, Isola; Albert Weaver, Hollandale; Carol Lee Horton, Isola; Arlene Hutchinson, Hollandale; Patsy Hartley, Darlowe; Nancy Weaver, Hollandale; Helen McHenry, Isola; Abbie Jean Sudduth, Hollandale; Donna Weaver, Hollandale; Jesse Lee Lowrey, Darlowe; Rev. R. A. Langley, Darlowe; Nora Whitfield, D'Lo; Mrs. R. A. Langley, Darlowe; Mrs. L. P. Hutchins, Utica; Rev. Charles Tyler Pelahatchie.

Temperance Education, Inc., an organization that is committed exclusively to education against the use of beverage alcohol, has produced a set of brief, readable, meaningful paragraphs on temperance. They are available, without cost, to ministers who will use them in church bulletins. The single sheet on which they are printed for such insertion. When Temperance Education, Inc., offered the first set to 470 ministers, more than 25 per cent responded with orders totaling more than 30,000. The second set will be ready for use before World Temperance Sunday. Pastors who are interested may write to Rev. Herbert H. Parish, Temperance Education, Inc., 77 W. Washington Street, Chicago 2, Ill.

Dr. Charles M. Crowe discusses the importance of self-direction in his new book, *On Living With Yourself*, just published by the Abingdon-Cokesbury Press of Nashville, Tenn. Self-direction, he says, is just one facet of the art of self-defense: others: self-respect, self-possession, self-control. The art of self-defense is one of 18 "arts" of living discussed in the book. Dr. Crowe points out that the art of happiness "eludes those who make it an end in life. It is not found by conscious seeking. Those who insist always on 'having fun' usually are covering up a basic unhappiness. The happiest people are those who are too busy to think about whether or not they are happy; busy not with trudging an endless and aimless treadmill, but busy because they are claimed by some worth or excellence that consumes their interest..." The book is well worth the price of \$2.50. Order from the publisher or from the Baptist Book Store.

Miss Jean Greer of Yazoo City is serving as Youth Worker in the Hazlehurst Baptist Church this summer. Miss Greer began her work on June 16. She is a Senior at Mississippi College and is majoring in sacred music.

Rev. Artis Brewer was the evangelist during the revival recently held at the Joe Wheeler Church in Jones County. Willie Hill was the song leader. There were four additions by baptism, one on statement, and two rededications. Rev. Harold C. Ishee is pastor.

Nazareth Baptist Church, Havana, Cuba, had 113 members a year ago. During the year there were 56 addition, 26 by baptism. In other words, the church gained 50 per cent in membership and had one baptism for every 4 and 1/3 members. That is about five times the average for Southern Baptists.

With the nomination of Judge James P. McGramery as Attorney General, President Truman has named more Roman Catholics to serve in the cabinet than any other chief executive in United States history, a compilation has revealed in Washington. From George Washington's tenure as President until 1933, only 5 Roman Catholics had served in the cabinets of four different presidents.

The Baptist Record office is in receipt of a copy of the 1951 Annual of the Hawaii Baptist Convention. From the charts in the back we note that there were 13 churches and six missions last year and that there was an enrollment of 4,064 in Sunday School; 2,489 in Vacation Bible schools; 933 in BTU; 20 in Brotherhood; and 995 in WMU.

**RIDGECREST, N. C. —(BP)—**Nearly a hundred varsity athletes from thirty or more campuses throughout the South made a covenant among themselves to start prayer groups in their athletic dormitories next year when they got together in a meeting during the Student Week retreat recently at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly.

**East Columbia Church, Rev. Curtis Miller, pastor, will observe Building Fund Day on Sunday, June 29. Among other features the offering that day will go to the building fund. Rev. Joe Abrams, of Jackson, State Director of Promotion, will bring the special message at the morning service.**

On another page will be found an advertisement of the Baptist Book Store stating that the store will be closed on July 4 and 5. The store will also close at 1 p.m. on Saturday during July and August.

A revival will begin at Lowland Church in Leflore County on July 27 with Rev. C. C. Carraway of Clarksdale bringing the messages. Mr. Carraway's daughter, Joyce, will be the pianist and Rev. James Allgood of Oxford will lead the singing. Rev. L. E. Moon is pastor.

A young man, who has been in Sunday school only five or six times, recently delivered some purchases to our home. He appeared very happy and when going thru the gate, he said, "I read one chapter in my Bible every day and my heart is becoming very warm." You and I know that this warmth is the love of God as He makes himself known through the written Word. How thankful we are for the privilege of sharing with these people the blessings that the Bible always brings. — Leslie Watson, missionary to Japan.

We must use our right of freedom of worship if we are to preserve it.



Charles Betts, chairman of the Building Committee, turns the first spadefull of dirt at ground-breaking ceremonies for the new \$15,000 building of the Border Springs Baptist Church. At his right is the pastor, the Rev. A. C. Furr. A portion of the congregation gathered to watch the ceremony.

**ST. PAUL, Minn. —(RNS)—**A Lutheran Free Church minister here is suing his former congregation for \$30,000, charging he was illegally ousted from the church he was instrumental in building. Mr. Dale said he took over the Rose-town pastorate in 1942, organized the congregation and was almost solely responsible for raising funds to build the church, now valued at \$130,000. Last year, he charged, the board of home missions began a campaign to remove him, "using unethical and high pressure methods." In early October, the church trustees met and obtained his resignation.

**MONTREAL (RNS)—**A city by-law requiring retail stores to close on Roman Catholic holy days was ruled illegal by Montreal Superior Court. Judge Arthur I. Smith held that the by-law, under which hundreds of stores have been charged with infringements, deals with criminal matters and as such encroaches upon a field of legislation reserved exclusively to the federal parliament. Judge Smith noted that the by-law was directed solely at six holy days of obligation for Roman Catholics. This convinced the court, he said, that its object was to compel the observance of these days.



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JERRY BREAZEALE

Mr. Jerry Breazeale, of Miss. College and Brandon, is a song leader volunteer, and Miss Marian Graham, of Decatur, a pianist volunteer for Youth-led Revivals in our state this summer. Let's use them and the more than twenty other young people who want to witness for Christ in these meetings.

We are thankful for having had the privilege of suggesting Youth-led Revival workers for Ripley, Purvis, Morrison Chapel, Batesville, Eastside, Gulfport, Sumrall, Louise, Union and Tchula churches thus far. We are praying for many, many more requests for these fine Christian young people each one of whom is recommended unqualifiedly for this work by one or more of our Miss. Baptist pastors.

### POTPOURRI

From Numazu, Japan, comes a request for the Mississippi Miscellany from Alvin O. Collins, Chaplain, USNR, Transport Division Fifteen, Amphibious Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet. We're happy to send it to many service people, anyone else who will read it, FREE. Send names and addresses. . . Ole Miss BSUs had Leonore Kunz, a German student, as their guest at Ridgecrest's recent Student Retreat. . . Miss. Southern objectives for next year include organization of a Brotherhood, organization of a Baptist Ministerial Association, organization of a City-wide BSU Council, sponsoring of a city-wide Youth revival. . . Dr. J. S. Riser, of Webb, was Delta State's BSU banquet speaker. Seventy students and deacons and their wives attended. . . Date and place of State Pre-School Retreat have been changed. Date now is Aug. 21-23; place, Clarke College.



MARIAN GRAHAM

### DR. J. W. MOODY

On May 2, 1952, God, in his infinite wisdom, called from this earthly existence one of our faithful members, Dr. J. W. Moody. He had been a deacon in our church for a number of years and had always sought to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit in matters concerning our church. His humility and faithfulness in the discharge of his duty to his church and fellowman shall be an inspiration to those who strive to carry on in our church and community.

We desire to extend our heartfelt sympathy to his faithful wife and loved ones.

By order of the First Baptist Church, Poplarville, Mississippi, this the 18th of May, 1952.

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## Dr. Gillespie To Lead Revival At Ruth

Dr. A. S. Gillespie is to lead the revival meeting at Ruth, June 29-July 4 according to an announcement by the pastor, Rev. Ben Borders.

Dr. Gillespie has served in China as a missionary and as Professor of New Testament Interpretation and Greek in the China Baptist Theological Seminary.

Since the Communists overran China, Dr. Gillespie has been serving as head of the department of Missions in the New Orleans Seminary.

Rev. Henry L. Keahey, pastor of Gilgal Church, Minden, La., will lead the music. He is a student at the New Orleans Seminary.

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### CALENDAR OF PRAYER

June 30—Junior RA Camp at Garywa; Rev. Ernest Myers, Jackson Associational Sunday School Superintendent.

July 1—Dr. C. M. Wells, trustee, Baptist Orphanage; H. L. Hellums, faculty, Blue Mountain College.

July 2—Claude Bennett, trustee, Clarke College; Dr. J. E. Herring, faculty, Mississippi College.

July 3—Mrs. B. T. Bishop, Franklin Associational WMU Superintendent; Jerry Clower, Lafayette Associational Training Union Director.

July 4—Rex Markanson, Leflore Associational Brotherhood President; Dr. Judson Chastain, Pearl River Association Board Member.

July 5—C. A. Roper, trustee of Mississippi Baptist Hospital; Dr. L. T. Lowrey, trustee of Baptist Memorial Hospital.

July 6—Wilford Lee, member, Mississippi Education Commission; M. C. Stennett, Jasper Associational Sunday School Superintendent.

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### CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

By Rev. Leon V. Young  
Clinton, Miss.

#### CALLED AND ACCEPTED:—

S. D. Smith, Summit Ch., Amorrilla, Texas

W. C. Pate, Marietta Street, Gadsden, N. C. from New Pleasant

Ralph Cowan, Mt. Gallagher, near Ware Shores, S. C.

J. G. Cothan, Beaverdam Ch., Williamston, Rt. 1, S. C.

M. E. Sliger, Cane Spring, near Roanoke, Va.

W. B. Pittard, Jr., Franklin St., Lynchburg, Va. from Franklinton, N. C.

G. Othell Hand, Calvary, Richmond, Va.

E. C. Brinson, Grandview, Dothan, Ala. from Gardendale, Ala.

Robert H. Dickson, Portland Ch., Delta Association, Ark. from Northside Mission, Greenville

Keith Hart, Calvary, Coosa Grande, Arizona from Duke, Okla.

John M. McGinnis, First, Fifton, Ga. from First, Cedartown, Ga.

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## BAPTIST BELIEFS

By DR. JOHN W. LANDRUM

Discussing the

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### ARTICLE 14

We believe that God is the source of Material as well as spiritual blessings; that as stewards every Christian is under a happy obligation to serve Him with time, talents and material possessions, and to contribute cheerfully, regularly, systematically, proportionately and liberally of his means, to share the burdens of the local congregation, and its cooperative work in advancing the Redeemer's cause on earth.

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which we could never discharge ourselves. The first 10c of each dollar is paying what God demands; above that is a love gift.

The one who begrudgingly contributes to God and His Kingdom work loses the joy which God intends. The one who fails to pay the tithe is guilty of robbing God.

## Bradley Pope Youth Worker At Waynesboro

Bradley Pope, a junior at Mississippi College, has accepted the post as youth worker and pastor's assistant at Calvary Church, Waynesboro, of which Rev. Virgil Ratcliff is pastor.

He began his work June 1. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Pope, Sr., of Brookhaven.

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## Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Dr. L. Bracey Campbell.

For July 29.  
THE FIRST AND GREAT COMMANDMENT

Bible Texts: Mark 12:28-34; John 13:34, 35; 1 John 4:7-12.

### I. THE SCRIBE'S QUESTION

This Scribe came and heard the question of the Sadducees based on the rather disgusting and altogether unlikely story of the seven brothers who, in turn from the eldest down, took to wife the same woman. After hearing the answer with which Jesus put the Sadducees to silence, the Scribe of our lesson propounded his question: "What commandment is first of all?" It was not a question as to the first question in a series, but a question as to what commandment took precedence over all. What is there about a commandment that gives it primacy, firstness. The whole bearing of this questioner and his reaction to Jesus' answer forbid me to believe that he was moved wholly by a desire to entrap Jesus. I believe he sincerely wanted to know the answer.

The most careful student of the law might well be confused by a question like this. It is said that the Rabbis counted 613 precepts of the law, of 365 were prohibitions and 248 positive commands. The Rabbis had classified these 613 precepts into "weighty" and "light". The arguments as to which were weighty and which were light went on like Tennyson's babbling brook from generation to generation. The Scribe asked Jesus to settle this debate. Was he trying to trap Jesus in His speech? Think so, if you choose.

### II. THERE IS ONE GOD

"Hear, O Israel; the Lord our God, the Lord is one". I am persuaded that not one person in ten thousand who shall read this passage will realize the tremendous importance of these words to the people to whom they were spoken at the first. When Jehovah called Moses to lead Israel out of Egypt, the vast majority of the people of the world believed in a plurality of Gods. They prayed to one god for rain and to still another for dry weather; to one god for success in business on the sea and to another for success in war. In fact, this was among the chief reasons for the call of special nation to allegiance to Jehovah. Israel was called to the task of teaching the world that there is one God besides whom there is none else, hence the first of the ten laws, "Thou shalt have no other Gods besides Me".

Toward this conception of one God the scientific thought of the world has long been turning. Indeed, the thought of the world is approaching a conception of the oneness of all things. We are parts of a universe, all of whose parts make up one whole. What is the sun made out of? The same sort of stuff you and I and the whole earth are made out of. Mankind is one, "He hath made of one every nation to dwell on all the face of the earth". What are the sources

of the different streams of life that are aflow in the world? It is not "sources" at all, it is source, one source, and the one source is God. Now, if this be true, that all creation has its source in one God, that all creation is held together by one God, if all life springs from the vital force of God, if winter snow and summer shine are all arranged by one God, if nations hold their courses and find their bounds in Him, what should be the attitude toward Him of men to whom the knowledge of this oneness comes?

### III. MAN'S DUTY IN VIEW OF THE ONENESS OF GOD

1. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy strength. . . and thy neighbor as thyself". Thou shalt exalt the Lord in thy thinking, thou shalt plan for the giving of the Lord the worship and the tribute otherwise that are His due, thou shalt make the welfare of His kingdom thy first consideration, thou shalt withhold from Him nothing of thine that may be used in some better way for the advancement of His kingdom.

And some reader of these words may be saying, "O come down out of the stratosphere, get your feet on the earth and talk the talk of common men! We hear enough of fine-spun theories of the love of God for man and of man for God. Where is God anyhow? 'God is Spirit', so you say. Well, how am I to approach Him? Aye, tell me that and unyoke". Never mind the delay, my impatient brother! We'll come down out of the stratosphere and bring this great commandment with us into realms of conduct that you shall find real and tangible, plain and palpable enough. Come, now!

### 2. 'And thy neighbor as thyself'.

A great deal of time has been spent and uselessly spent in considering the question as to the identity of my neighbor. Who is he? Many people there are what their neighbors are, who declare their neighbors to be those with whom they are congenial in tastes and almost altogether agreeable in everything. Another writer says this lawyer asked Jesus the question, "Who is my neighbor", to get from the Lord the beautiful story of the Good Samaritan, and to face the question from Jesus, "Which of the two proved neighbor to him who fell among the thieves". And the lawyer made answer, "I suppose it was the one who showed mercy to him". And the Lord said that was the correct answer, and commanded the lawyer to conduct himself in the same way.

Need makes neighborhood. The thing that makes another nigh to you in the sight of God is that other's need of you. Your neighbor is the person who needs you. And what is the true and Christian attitude toward that person who needs you? "Love thy neighbor as thyself". What does this command by easy inference forbid? That you should do anything to your neighbor that you would not have done to you. Would you have another guard your good name? Well, your neighbor needs a good name. You should speak in terms of respect

## Oak Hill Baptists To Dedicate Church

Dedication exercises will be held at Oak Hill Church, Pontotoc county, on Sunday June 29 according to an announcement by the pastor, Rev. H. G. West, Sr.

The meeting will be an all-day affair beginning at 11:00 o'clock with Bro. J. S. Grubbs preaching the dedicatory sermon at the new church built last year. Bro. Bilbo Lively will give the invocation.

"We are inviting all former members, present members, and the general public to this meeting," stated Bro. West. Singing and testimonies will be that afternoon.

The Oak Hill Church was founded over a hundred years ago.

### Hear The Baptist Hour

Rev. Charles Wellborn will be the speaker on the Baptist Hour program on Sunday, June 29.

The following stations in Mississippi and Memphis, Tennessee carry the Baptist Hour program:

WJMB, Brookhaven, 1:30 p.m.; WCLD, Cleveland, 6:00 p.m.; WACR, Columbus, 2:30 p.m.; WJPR, Greenville, 6:00 p.m. WFOR, Hattiesburg, 10:15 p.m.; WMBC, Macon, 2:30 p.m.; WAPF, McComb, 9:00 a.m.; WCOC, Meridian, 3:30 p.m.; WNAT, Natchez, 7:15 a.m.; WHBJ, Memphis, 9:00 p.m. and WRAG, Carrollton, Ala., 3:30 p.m.

THOMASVILLE, N. C. —(BP)—Charity and Children, weekly publication of the Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina, has moved into a new \$125,000 print shop provided for in the will of the late Robert M. Idol of Winston-Salem. The building, to be named for him, also houses a new \$40,000 rotary press given by Mr. Idol.

for him, and guard his good name as you would your own. Do you owe someone a debt, of money or service or gratitude? Then do by that person as you would that another should do by you.

Do you have a daughter, a fair, innocent, sweet, bright young daughter? How do you wish other men and women to treat your daughter? Well, you treat the other man's daughter after the same manner. You have a fine son? You wish that son to be guided away from the path of temptation? But the man who needs you may be the man who has a son whom he wishes to be led away from temptation. Will you do by that man's son as you do by your own?

But are you quite sure you know what is best for yourself, your wife, your daughter, your son? Maybe you had better take pains to learn, and then you will know how to love your neighbor as yourself. It is, I fear, altogether possible for any one of us to prove bad neighbors because we do not know.

A copy of the Monroe County Association minutes has been received in the Baptist Record Office. The next session will be held at the Center Hill Church on October 8 and 9.

## Joins Orphanage Staff



LEE FERRELL

Lee Ferrell, above, recently assumed his duties at the Baptist Orphanage in Jackson as Director of Youth Activities, according to W. G. Mize, Superintendent. Mr. Ferrell is a native of Greenville, where he received his high school education. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and the Southern Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. He was married to Miss Ann East, of Brookhaven, when they were seniors at Mississippi College. Mrs. Ferrell attended the WMU Training School in Louisville.

PINEVILLE, La. —(BP)—The board of trustees of Louisiana College announced recently the receipt of a \$100,000 gift to the college for the construction of a library building. Donors of the gift are Mrs. R. W. Norton and Mrs. Nellie Norton Smitherman of Shreveport in memory of Rev. Richard William Norton, a pioneer Baptist preacher.

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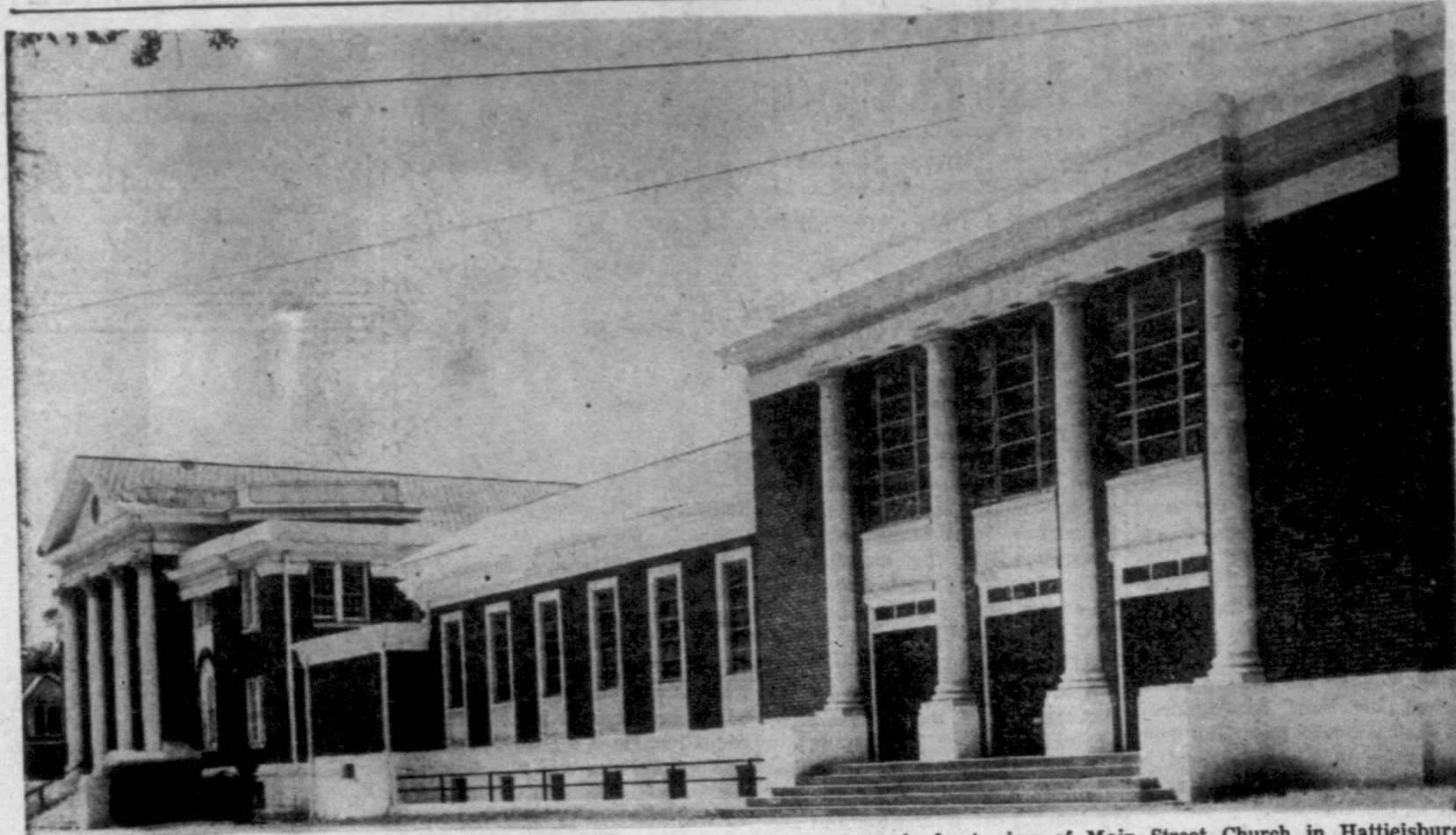
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## Main Street Church In Hattiesburg Has Open House For Educational Unit

Main Street Baptist Church in Hattiesburg, now considered to have the largest church plant in Mississippi, modernly equipped and air-conditioned throughout, observed the formal opening of its new annex last Sunday afternoon, June 22.

The opening was informal, with large number of Hattiesburg people attending as well as visitors from afar.

Members of the general committee in charge of arrangements were: Dr. John E. Barnes, Jr., pastor; Wallace E. Parham, educational director; Grank Montague, chairman of the building committee; G. M. McWilliams, vice-chairman of the building committee; George Causey, treasurer of the building committee; H. F. McWilliams, Sr., chairman of the deacons; H. F. McWilliams, Jr., Sunday School superintendent; Leo Fillingane, Training Union Director; and Mrs. S. G. Williams, president of the Woman's Missionary Union.

Members of the W.M.U. were thosesses while members of the church staff greeted the visitors. Deacons were ushers during the afternoon and all visitors were served refreshments.

The new annex contains 33,209 feet of floor space, and cost \$365,000, and faces Fifth Street. It houses generally the chapel, library, Fellowship Hall, kitchens, church lounge, offices, pastor's study, and several new educational rooms and departments.

The combined plant now covers nearly an entire city block, is air-conditioned throughout, is completely and modernly equipped, features six nurseries, sixteen Sunday School departments, three kitchens, suite of six offices and pastor's study, and a large dining room and recreation hall.

The church, one of the largest

and fastest growing churches in the state, was organized on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 25, 1903, at Pleasant Hill School.

Its first name was the Columbia Street Baptist Church and the first pastor was Rev. M. J. Derrick.

From that day until now the church has shown a steady and continuous growth. Ten pastors have served the church with Dr. Barnes, the present pastor serving now since 1944.

The new chapel seats 272 and is beautifully appointed with special lighting effects and attractive colors.

The Fellowship or Dining Hall seats 200 at tables or 250 in chairs. The kitchen is divided for efficiency into four sections.

The lounge contains piano and other appropriate features. The library is in four parts, a main room, children's reading room, work room and planning room.

In connection with the suite of offices there is a conference room, general office, work room and storage room. An inter-communication system is maintained throughout.

The pastor's study consists of a suite of rooms, including ante-room, study, and storage closet.

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The people of Niue island have refused to do business on Sabbath. This is an island between Samoa and the Cook Islands in the South Pacific. The sale of bananas is their third largest source of income, yet they recently refused to export bananas because the ship always called on Sabbath to do business. The Niueans are earnest Christians and are nearly all adherents of the London Missionary Society. They stand on this all-important issue as did Nehemiah in Jerusalem, and set a splendid example in this regard to the Western so-called enlightened nations.

Shown above is front view of Main Street Church in Hattiesburg, facing Fifth Street. In the foreground is seen entrance to new educational annex with chapel just to left inside. The main entrance to the auditorium is at left. Open house was held last Sunday afternoon, June 22.

## Center Ridge Church Building Nearing Completion



Several months ago the Center Ridge Baptist Church launched an extensive building program to add an educational annex to their original building. The cost of the annex is approximately \$30,000. According to A. E. Wilkinson, chairman of the building committee, the building will be completed within the next few days.

The annex consists of 18 rooms, including a basement auditorium and a kitchen. There are a number of store rooms, one prayer room and three rest rooms. The nursery is the largest room in the annex and will be equipped with the most modern facilities.

The building will be officially opened Sunday, June 29, and there will be three services, 11 o'clock, two o'clock, and the evening service at 8 p. m. Dinner will be served in the basement of the new annex and the public is cordially invited.

The revival meeting will begin on that day also with the Rev. David T. Cranford, pastor of the First Church, Indianola, and a brother of the pastor, as guest evangelist. The pastor, Rev. Jack

J. Cranford will direct the singing. In addition to building the annex the church has installed theatre seats and venetian blinds in the auditorium, and a steeple and bell have been added to the original building.

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Superstition continues to be one of the biggest barriers in our work. Recently a mother died in childbirth an hour after she had been brought to the Eku Baptist Hospital. Native treatment had been too severe. The family was afraid to take the woman home because of the stigma and evil spell cast when a woman dies in childbirth. Therefore, we summoned the local pastor at midnight, and with the woman's family, took her body into the bush near here for a Christian burial.—V. Lavell Seats, missionary to Nigeria.

—BR—

Bowie, Texas (BP)—A Texas woman has painted 260 baptistry sciences for Baptist churches. They hang in 18 states and 10 foreign countries. There are 21 in North Carolina, 18 in South Carolina and 12 in Mississippi. She is Mary Cree Cosby, 500 West Pecan Street, Bo-

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### Mission Secretaries Visit Foreign Fields

Dr. M. Theron Rankin, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, and Dr. George W. Sadler, the Board's secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East, left Richmond immediately following the June meeting of the Board to transact mission business and to fill speaking arrangements in Europe and other countries.

The mission secretaries were accompanied to Europe by Mrs. George R. Martin, of Norfolk, president of Woman's Missionary Union, and Mrs. R. L. Mathis, president of the Woman's Missionary Union of Texas.

They will meet with Baptist pastors and laymen at Madrid, Spain, after which Dr. Rankin has scheduled a five-day tour of Baptist work in Spain with Dr. John D. Hughey, missionary to the country since 1947.

Dr. Sadler will go immediately to Zurich, Switzerland, to deliver a series of lectures on "Baptists and World Missions" to approximately 80 pastors from England and the continent. From Zurich, he will go to Yugoslavia for ten days. He will visit Zagreb, where Baptists are in the process of securing property to be used for a sanctuary and Bible school, and Belgrade, as well as other centers of Baptist work.

From Yugoslavia, Dr. Sadler will go to Greece to investigate the possibility of extending the arm of Southern Baptist influence or of opening work there. He will go from Greece to Italy and from there to Hamburg, Germany, where Southern Baptists have helped to rehabilitate the Baptist seminary which was largely destroyed by war.

After his tour of Baptist work in Spain, Dr. Rankin will go to the Near East, visiting the Board's work in Lebanon, Jordan, and Israel, before returning to Europe for a visit to Switzerland and Germany. Then he will join Dr. Sadler, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Mathis, and Dr. Theodore F. Adams, pastor, First Baptist Church, Richmond, at Copenhagen, Denmark, at the first full meeting of the Baptist Federation of Europe which is being held under the auspices of the Baptist World Alliance. The mission secretaries will return to Richmond about August 10.

wie, Texas. Her first baptistry painting was done in 1935 for her own congregation, the First Baptist Church of Bowie. The paintings range in size from fairly large frame sized scenes to sixteen foot murals. Usually she does the painting in her backyard studio. However she has painted a number of them standing on a specially built scaffold in the baptistry. Her baptistry paintings show scenes of the Jordan river. She has collected several hundred photographs of the Jordan and is able to show in advance just about how a finished painting will appear.